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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 12 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

Other matters

11 a.m. (sharp) 4413th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

WORKING GROUP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

9 a.m. 48th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency The Honourable Rene R. Harris, MP, President and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nauru
2. Address by His Excellency The Honourable Daniel Toroitich arap Moi, MP, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Kenya
3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Malta

   Turkey

(continued overleaf)

Germany

Belize

Senegal

Iceland

Austria

Jordan

Cape Verde

Niger

Mali

United Arab Emirates

3 p.m. **49th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Rexhep Meidani, President of the Republic of Albania
2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Suriname

Poland

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

New Zealand

Luxembourg

Morocco

Belarus

Ireland

Maldives

Spain

Tunisia

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Bangladesh

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

Live and archived Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly will be available on the General Assembly Web site (http://www.un.org/webcast/ga/56).

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 1

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)] (A/56/168, A/56/190, A/56/204, A/56/207 and Add.1, A/56/209, A/56/212, A/56/230, A/56/253, A/56/254 and Add.1, A/56/255, A/56/256, A/56/258, A/56/263, A/56/271, A/56/292, A/56/310, A/56/334, A/56/341, A/56/344)

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)] (A/C.3/56/4, A/C.3/56/7*, A/56/210, A/56/217, A/56/220, A/56/278, A/56/281, A/56/312, A/56/327, A/56/336, A/56/337, A/56/340, A/56/409 and Add.1, A/56/440, A/56/460, A/56/479, A/56/505)

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)] (A/56/36 and Add.1)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)] (A/56/36 and Add.1)

Statements on behalf of:

Representative of the Secretary-General on the protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons

(To be presented by the representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Introductory statements by:

Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia

Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders

Dialogue with the Special Representatives

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 1

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [164] (PNICC/2001/L.3/Rev.1 and Add.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan
2. Security concerns
3. Executive session on the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 12 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 12 November 2001

Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

CONFERENCE ON FACILITATING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd plenary meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	4th plenary meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

[Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general exchange of views, in one of the official languages of the Conference, to dpi@un.int for posting on the Conference Web site. Archived Webcast of the proceeding of the Conference will be available (starting on Monday, 26 November) on the Conference Web site on the Internet.]

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ISLAMIC GROUP

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 95 (c) (Science and technology for development))

1 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 96 (b) (Industrial development cooperation))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 117 (Racism and racial discrimination))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77
(on the Ministerial Declaration)

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Verifying the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT): Capabilities, Progress and Challenges", organized by the delegations of Australia, Canada and Sweden, in cooperation with the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC), *today*, 12 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Welcoming remarks will be made by Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, followed by opening statements by representatives of Australia, Canada and Sweden. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 13 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

9 a.m. 50th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Leo Falcam, President of the Federated States of Micronesia
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua
3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Nambar Enkhbayar, Prime Minister of Mongolia

   United Republic of Tanzania

   Netherlands

   Guinea

   Cuba

   Sri Lanka

   Bahrain

   Costa Rica

   Sweden

   Yugoslavia

   Saudi Arabia

   Malaysia

3 p.m. 51st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Pierre Charles, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Commonwealth of Dominica

Greece

Czech Republic

Dominican Republic

Gambia

Hungary

Liechtenstein

Turkmenistan

Bahamas

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Tajikistan

Brunei Darussalam

Viet Nam

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 1

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) will be held on Tuesday, 13 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Friday, 16 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B, and on Monday, 19 November, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Special event

The United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force will be launched by the Secretary-General on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council will be present. This event will be webcasted live on www.unicttaskforce.org.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Interim Task Force Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-5796).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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There will be a meeting of the African Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 13 November 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

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There will be a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the State Members of the League of Arab States on Tuesday, 13 November 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of delegation of the Non-Aligned Movement will take place on Wednesday, 14 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Sunday, 11 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

46th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus

H.E. Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Stjepan Mesic, President of the Republic of Croatia

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Address by H.E. Mr. Luis Ángel González Macchi, President of the Republic of Paraguay

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Address by H.E. Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda

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Address by H.E. Major-General Joseph Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

H.E. Major-General Joseph Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. The Right Honourable Anerood Jugnauth, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius, addressed the General Assembly.

H.E. Mr. Zlatko Lagumdzija, Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Tang Jia Xuan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of China; H.E. The Right Honourable Jack Straw, MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; H.E. Mr. Erkki Tuomioja, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland; H.E. Mr. Renato Ruggiero, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; H.E. Mr. Ali Abdi Farah, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Djibouti; and H.E. Mr. Jean Ping, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Francophonie of Gabon.

H.E. Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and President of the Palestinian Authority, addressed the General Assembly.

47th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Alfonso Portillo Cabrera, President of the Republic of Guatemala

H.E. Mr. Alfonso Portillo Cabrera, President of the Republic of Guatemala, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, acting Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait, addressed the General Assembly.

H.E. The Honourable Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Independent State of Samoa, addressed the General Assembly.

His Serene Highness Crown Prince Albert, Crown Prince of the Principality of Monaco, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Kiichi Miyazawa, Member of Parliament of Japan; H.E. Mr. Jan Petersen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway; H.E. Mr. Dah Ould Abdi, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mauritania; H.E. Mr. Jaime Gama, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Portugal; H.E. Mr. Heinz Möeller Freile, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ecuador; H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Belkhadem, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Algeria; H.E. Mr. Hor Namhong, Senior Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia; H.E. Mrs. Lila Ratsifandriamanana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Madagascar; H.E. Mr. Abou Dramane Sangaré, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire; and H.E. Mr. Fuad Mubarak Al-Hinai, Chairman of the delegation of Oman.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Iraq and Kuwait.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Malta (11 November 2001)*

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Malta (11 November 2001)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Ratification: Malta (11 November 2001)*

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. New York, 4 August 1995

Accession: Malta (11 November 2001)*

Entry into force of the Agreement: 11 December 2001, in accordance with article 40 (1).

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Malta (11 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Andorra (11 November 2001)

Signature: Bosnia and Herzegovina (11 November 2001)

Signature: Cambodia (11 November 2001)

Signature: Croatia (11 November 2001)

Signature: Democratic Republic of the Congo (11 November 2001)

Signature: Honduras (11 November 2001)

Signature: Mali (11 November 2001)

Signature: Mauritius (11 November 2001)

Signature: Mozambique (11 November 2001)

Ratification: Malta (11 November 2001)*

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Andorra (11 November 2001)

Signature: Cambodia (11 November 2001)

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Cambodia (11 November 2001)

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Cambodia (11 November 2001)

Convention on the Political Rights of Women. New York, 31 March 1953

Signature: Cambodia (11 November 2001)

Convention on the Nationality of Married Women. New York, 20 February 1957

Signature: Cambodia (11 November 2001)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Sigature: Cambodia (11 November 2001)

Signature: Mauritius (11 November 2001)

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Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Mauritius (11 November 2001)

Ratification: Democratic Republic of the Congo (11 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Mauritius (11 November 2001)

Accession: Democratic Republic of the Congo (11 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New United Nations stamps

On Friday, 16 November 2001, the United Nations Postal Admin-istration (UNPA) will issue three new stamps on the theme "Climate Change". Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2001/85. The new stamps can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on Friday, 16 November, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

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Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Uganda
H.E. Mr. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka

Asian States:
Syrian Arab Republic
H.E. Mr. Mikhail Wehbe

Eastern European States:
Hungary
H.E. Mr. André Erdös

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Honduras
H.E. Mr. Ángel Edmundo Orellana Mercado

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Thorsteinn Ingólfsson

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(continued overleaf)

Announcement

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Thursday, 15 November 2001, at 4.30 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the situation in Angola. Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel.: (212) 963-5263).

Guinea

Cuba

Sri Lanka

Bahrain

Costa Rica

Sweden

Yugoslavia

Saudi Arabia

Turkmenistan

3 p.m. 51st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Pierre Charles, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Commonwealth of Dominica

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Czech Republic

Dominican Republic

Gambia

Hungary

Liechtenstein

Burundi

Malaysia

Bahamas

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Tajikistan

Brunei Darussalam

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United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [159]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.13

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [163]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.15

Observer status for the International Development Law Institute in the General Assembly [170]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.16

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE

AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. -	closed meeting	Conference
1 p.m.		Room 10
3 p.m. -	closed meeting	Conference
6 p.m.		Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft reports

2. Executive session on the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

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Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) will be held *today*, 13 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 13 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS

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Tuesday, 13 November 2001

Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

CONFERENCE ON FACILITATING THE ENTRY

INTO FORCE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE

NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY

10 a.m.-	5tn plenary meeting	Trusteeship Council

1 p.m. Chamber

[Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general exchange of views, in one of the official languages of the Conference, to dpi@un.int for posting on the Conference Web site. Archived Webcast of the proceeding of the Conference will be available (starting on Monday, 26 November) on the Conference Web site on the Internet.]

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GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

(on agenda item 117 (Racism and racial discrimination))

10 a.m. - closed meeting Economic and

1 p.m. Social

Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77

(on agenda item 39 (Toward global partnerships))

10 a.m. - closed meeting Conference

1 p.m. Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m. - closed meeting Conference

1 p.m. Room 3

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1.15 p.m. -	closed meeting	Conference
2.45 p.m.		Room 8

GROUP OF 77

(on the Ministerial Declaration)

3 p.m. -	closed meeting	Conference
6 p.m.		Room 6

ISLAMIC GROUP

(at the experts level)

3 p.m. -	closed meeting	Conference
6 p.m.		Room 3

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 13 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the State Members of the League of Arab States *today*, 13 November 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Least Developed Countries *today*, 13 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal meeting

A meeting of humanitarian experts of the core group of the Group of 77 and of Mexico, organized by the delegation of India, will be held *today*, 13 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E, to discuss the draft of resolution on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters. Other interested members of the Group of 77 are also invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 14 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

9 a.m. 52nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Tommy Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

El Salvador

Nepal

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Cameroon

Chad

Iraq

Syrian Arab Republic

Azerbaijan

Namibia

Lithuania

Vanuatu

Egypt

3 p.m. 53rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Manasseh Sogavare, MP, Prime Minister of Solomon Islands

Address by His Excellency Mr. Ibraimov Osmonakyn, Secretary of State of the Kyrgyz Republic

Botswana

Armenia

Togo

San Marino

Myanmar

Benin

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Liberia

Malawi

Bhutan

Afghanistan

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

	40th meeting	Conference
10 a.m.		Room 1
	41st meeting	Conference
3 p.m.		Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE

AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

	closed meeting	Conference
10.30 a.m.		Room 10
	closed meeting	Conference
3 p.m.		Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

(Strengthening of the coordination of

humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

of the United Nations, including special

economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Friday, 16 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B, and on Monday, 19 November, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)

(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 16 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2, and on Monday, 19 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)

(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Friday, 16 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9, and on Monday, 19 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Special event

The United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force will be launched by the Secretary-General on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council will be present. This event will be webcasted live on www.unicttaskforce.org.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Interim Task Force Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-5796).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS

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The annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of delegation of the Non-Aligned Movement will take

place on Wednesday, 14 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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The Annual Coordination Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will be held on Thursday, 15 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Prepa-ratory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 12 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4413th meeting

Tribute to the memory of the victims of American Airlines Flight No. 587

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council.

The Council observed a minute of silence.

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolu-tion (S/2001/1060), which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The Security Council was addressed by His Excellency The Honourable K.D. Knight, M.P., Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica, His Excellency Mr. Tang Jiaxuan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, His Excellency Mr. Guillermo Fernández de Soto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Colombia, His Excellency Mr. Hubert Védrine, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France, His Excellency Mr. Brian Cowen, T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland, His Excellency The Honourable Anil Kumarsingh Gayan, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation of Mauritius, His Excellency Mr. Jan Petersen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway, His Excellency Mr. Igor S. Ivanov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, His Excellency Professor S. Jayakumar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore, His Excellency Mr. Habib Ben Yahia, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia, His Excellency Mr. Anatoliy M. Zlenko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, His Excellency The Right Honourable Jack Straw, M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, His Excellency Mr. Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State of the United States of America, His Excellency Mr. Modibo Sidibe, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Malians Abroad of Mali, and by His Excellency Mr. Reaz Rahman, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2001/1060) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/1060) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1377 (2001).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

48th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. The Honourable Rene R. Harris, M.P., President and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nauru

H.E. The Honourable Rene R. Harris, M.P., President and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nauru, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. The Honourable Daniel Toroitich arap Moi, M.P., President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Kenya

H.E. The Honourable Daniel Toroitich arap Moi, M.P., President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Kenya, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the General Debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Joseph Borg, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta; H.E. Mr. Ismail Cem, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey; H.E. Mr. Joschka Fischer, Deputy Chancellor and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany; H.E. The Honourable John Briceño, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Natural Resources, Environment, Commerce and Industry of Belize; H.E. Mr. Cheikh Tidiane Gadio, Minister for Foreign Affairs and for Senegaleses Living Abroad of Senegal; H.E. Mr. Halldór Ásgrímsson, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Iceland; H.E. Dr. Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria; H.E. Mr. Abdel-Elah Khatib, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jordan; H.E. Mr. Manuel Inocêncio Sousa, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities of Cape Verde; H.E. Mr. Modibo Sidibe, Minister for Foreign Affairs and for Malians Living Abroad of Mali; H.E. Madame Aïchatou Mindaoudou, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Niger; and H.E. Mr. Abdul Aziz Bin Nasser Al-Shamsi, Chairman of the Delegation of the United Arab Emirates.

49th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Rexhep Meidani, President of the Republic of Albania

H.E. Mr. Rexhep Meidani, President of the Republic of Albania, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mrs. Maria E. Levens, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Suriname; H.E. Mr. Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland; H.E. Mr. Abdurrahman Mohamed Shalghem, Secretary of the General People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, H.E. The Honourable Phil Goff, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand; H.E. Mrs. Lydie Polfer, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Luxembourg; H.E. Mr. Mohamed Benaissa, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco; H.E. Mr. Mikhail Khostov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus; H.E. Mr. Brian Cowen, T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland; H.E. Mr. Fathulla Jameel, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Maldives; H.E. Mr. Josep Piqué, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain; H.E. Mr. Habib Ben Yahia, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia; H.E. Mrs. Ilinka Mitreva, Minister for Foreign Affairs of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; and H.E. Mr. Reaz Rahman, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)]

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

The representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights introduced the report of the Representative of the Secretary-General on the protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons.

The representative of Algeria made a statement.

The Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in which the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cuba, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Sudan, the Russian Federation and Australia took part.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia, in which the representatives of Cambodia, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Viet Nam took part.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights defenders made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights defenders, in which the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Singapore, Egypt, the Sudan, Cuba and Mexico took part.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [164]

The Committee observed a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of the victims of American Airlines Flight No. 587.

The Legal Counsel, Mr. Hans Corell, made a statement.

The Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court, Mr. Philippe Kirsch, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sierra Leone, Liechtenstein, Norway, Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine), the Russian Federation, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, South Africa, Hungary, the Islamic Republic of Iran and China.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

The Chairman also spoke.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic,

Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Twenty-seventh session

United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2001

59th meeting

The twenty-seventh session of the Committee was declared open by the Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Bertrand Ramcharan.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/C.12/2001/13.

Organization of work [2]

The Committee adopted its programme of work, as contained in document E/C.12/2001/L.3.

60th meeting

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee heard submissions by non-governmental organizations with respect to reports scheduled for consideration at the current session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Lesotho (12 November 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Mongolia (12 November 2001)

Ratification: New Zealand (12 November 2001)*

Entry into force of the Protocol: 12 February 2002, in accordance with article 10 (1).

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Mongolia (12 November 2001)

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* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Nauru (12 November 2001)

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Nauru (12 November 2001)

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Signature: Nauru (12 November 2001)

Amendment to article 20, paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Geneva, 22 May 1995

Acceptance: Lesotho (12 November 2001)*

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* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 22 March 1989

Accession: Nauru (12 November 2001)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Ratification: Nauru (12 November 2001)*

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Democratic People's Republic of Korea (12 November 2001)*

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Accession: Lesotho (12 November 2001)*

Signature: Nauru (12 November 2001)

Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. Vienna, 22 March 1985

Accession: Nauru (12 November 2001)*

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Montreal, 16 September 1987

Accession: Nauru (12 November 2001)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Ecuador (12 November 2001)*

Ratification: Nauru (12 November 2001)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Ratification: Nauru (12 November 2001)*

Ratification: Poland (12 November 2001)*

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Accession: Nauru (12 November 2001)*

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* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III). Geneva, 10 October 1980

Accession: Nauru (12 November 2001)*

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Nauru (12 November 2001)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conven' onal Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Nauru (12 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Lesotho (12 November 2001)*

Accession: Myanmar (12 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Mongolia (12 November 2001)

Signature: Belarus (12 November 2001)

Signature: Democratic People's Republic of Korea (12 November 2001)

Signature: Ghana (12 November 2001)

Signature: Micronesia (Federated States of) (12 November 2001)

Signature: Myanmar (12 November 2001)

Signature: Nauru (12 November 2001)

Signature: Panama (12 November 2001)

Signature: Saint Kitts and Nevis (12 November 2001)

Signature: Yugoslavia (12 November 2001)

Ratification: Lesotho (12 November 2001)*

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* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Accession: Nauru (12 November 2001)*

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Nauru (12 November 2001)

Ratification: Poland (12November 2001)*

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Nauru (12 November 2001)

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* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Nauru (12 November 2001)

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York,

21 May 2001

Signature: Austria (12 November 2001)

Signature: Costa Rica (12 November 2001)

Signature: Nauru (12 November 2001)

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* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New United Nations stamps

On Friday, 16 November 2001, the United Nations Postal Admin-istration (UNPA) will issue three new stamps on the theme "Climate Change". Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2001/85. The new stamps can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on Friday, 16 November, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 14 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

The situation in Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

9 a.m. 52nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Tommy Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau
2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   El Salvador

   Nepal

   Lao People's Democratic Republic

   Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Thursday, 15 November 2001, at 4.30 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the situation in Angola. Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel.: (212) 963-5263).

Congo

Chad

Iraq

Syrian Arab Republic

Azerbaijan

Namibia

Lithuania

Vanuatu

Egypt

3 p.m. 53rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Manasseh Sogavare, M.P., Prime Minister of Solomon Islands

Address by His Excellency Mr. Ibraimov Osmonakun, Secretary of State of the Kyrgyz Republic

Botswana

Armenia

Togo

San Marino

Myanmar

Benin

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Liberia

Malawi

Bhutan

Afghanistan

Somalia

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

Live and archived Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly will be available on the General Assembly Web site (http://www.un.org/webcast/ga/56).

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to dpi@un.int for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 1

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)] (A/56/168, A/56/190, A/56/204, A/56/207 and Add.1, A/56/209, A/56/212, A/56/230, A/56/253, A/56/254 and Add.1, A/56/255, A/56/256, A/56/258, A/56/263, A/56/271, A/56/292 and Add.1, A/56/310, A/56/334, A/56/341, A/56/344, A/56/608)

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)] (A/C.3/56/4, A/C.3/56/7*, A/56/210, A/56/217, A/56/220, A/56/278, A/56/281, A/56/312, A/56/327, A/56/336, A/56/337, A/56/340, A/56/409 and Add.1, A/56/440, A/56/460, A/56/479, A/56/505)

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)] (A/56/36 and Add.1, A/56/524)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)] (A/56/36 and Add.1)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE)

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 14 November 2001, there will be a meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal as follows:

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 (item 98 (c)), from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 14 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 14 November 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(agenda item 98 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21))

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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The Annual Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of delegation of the Non-Aligned Movement will take place *today*, 14 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a Ministerial Meeting of Land-locked Developing Countries, organized by the delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, *today*, 14 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The 71st meeting of Personal Representatives of the Group of 15 will be held *today*, 14 November 2001, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 15 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

8.30 a.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: letter from the Permanent Representative of India (A/56/614) [8]

9 a.m. 54th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Burkina Faso

Indonesia

Slovakia

Israel

Uzbekistan

Guyana

Nigeria

Comoros

Angola

Cameroon

Sudan

Yemen

Singapore

Kazakhstan

3 p.m. 55th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency Mr. Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria

Panama

Lesotho

Central African Republic

Barbados

Grenada

Mozambique

Ethiopia

Saint Lucia

Trinidad and Tobago

Equatorial Guinea

Papua New Guinea

Denmark

Thailand

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Friday, 16 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B, and on Monday, 19 November, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c) (Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster)

Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (c) will be held on Friday, 16 November 2001, in Conference Room B, in the afternoon, immediately after the adjournment of the informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 16 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2, and on Monday, 19 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Friday, 16 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9, and on Monday, 19 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Special event

The United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force will be launched by the Secretary-General on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council will be present. This event will be webcasted live on www.unicttaskforce.org and www.un.org/webcast/ict/.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Interim Task Force Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-5796).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Annual Coordination Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will be held on Thursday, 15 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-fifth Annual Ministerial Meeting on Friday, 16 November 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Ministerial Meeting will be preceded by the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials of the Group of 77 on Thursday, 15 November 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 13 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4414th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Egypt, Germany, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In the absence of any objection, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan.

The Council began its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The Council then heard a briefing by Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi.

The Security Council was addressed by His Excellency The Right Honourable Jack Straw, M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, His Excellency Mr. Anatoliy M. Zlenko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, His Excellency Professor S. Jayakumar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore, His Excellency Mr. Jan Petersen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway, His Excellency The Honourable Anil Kumarsingh Gayan, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation of Mauritius, His Excellency Mr. Modibo Sidibe, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Malians Abroad of Mali, His Excellency Mr. Brian Cowen, T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland, His Excellency Mr. Guillermo Fernández de Soto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Colombia, His Excellency Mr. Tang Jiaxuan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, His Excellency Mr. Hubert Védrine, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France, and by His Excellency Mr. Reaz Rahman, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh.

The representatives of the United States, Tunisia and the Russian Federation made statements.

The President, His Excellency The Honourable K. D. Knight, M.P., Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Jamaica addressed the Council.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the Council was addressed by His Excellency The Honourable Louis Michel, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium, His Excellency Mr. Joziaz J. van Aartsen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, His Excellency The Honourable Phil Goff, Minister for Foreign Affairs of New Zealand, His Excellency Mr. Abdul Sattar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, His Excellency Mr. Renato Ruggiero, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy, His Excellency Dr. Kamal Kharrazi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, His Excellency Mr. Abdulaziz Kamilov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan and by His Excellency Mr. Ismail Cem, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Canada, Japan, India, Tajikistan, Malaysia Australia, Mexico, Indonesia, Egypt, the Republic of Korea, Kazakhstan and Argentina, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile, Her Excellency Mrs. Soledad Alvear, and the representative of Afghanistan.

Mr. Brahimi made a statement.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

50th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Leo Falcam, President of the Federated States of Micronesia

H.E. Mr. Leo Falcam, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua

H.E. Mr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. Nambar Enkhbayar, Prime Minister of Mongolia, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Jakaya Kikwete, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. Mr. Jozias van Aartsen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands; H.E. Mrs. Hadja Mahawa Bangoura Camara, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Guinea; H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba; H.E. The Honourable Lakshman Kadirgamar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka; H.E. Shaikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain; H.E. Mr. Roberto Rojas López, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica; H.E. Ms. Anna Lindh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden; H.E. Mr. Goran Svilanovic, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia and H.E. Mr. Rashid Meredov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan.

51st plenary meeting

H.E. The Honourable Pierre Charles, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Commonwealth of Dominica, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. George Papandreou, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece, H.E. Mr. Jan Kavan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic; H.E. Mr. Hugo Tolentino Dipp, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic; H.E. Mr. Baboucarr-Blaise Ismaila Jagne, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Gambia; H.E. Mr. János Martonyi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary; H.E. Mr. Ernst Walch, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liechtenstein; H.E. Mr. Thérence Sinunguruza, Minister for External Relations and Cooperation of Burundi; H.E. Mr. Hasmy Agam, Chairman of the Delegation of Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Anthony Charles Rolle, Chairman of the Delegation of the Bahamas; H.E. Mr. Li Hyong Chol, Chairman of the Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; H.E. Mr. Rashid Alimov, Chairman of the Delegation of Tajikistan; H.E. Mr. Serbini Ali, Chairman of the Delegation of Brunei Darussalam; and H.E. Mr. Nguyen Thanh Chau, Chairman of the Delegation of Viet Nam.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 38th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)]

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

Statements were made by representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, and also on behalf of the Central and Eastern European associated countries Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia, Slovenia, as well as the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta), Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Algeria, Norway, the Sudan, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Canada and the Russian Federation.

A statement was made by the observer for the Holy See.

The representative of the European Community also made a statement.

39th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)]

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

Statements were made by representatives of Ecuador, New Zealand (on behalf of the South Pacific Group), Nepal, Bangladesh, the Republic of Korea, Cyprus, Brazil, Uganda, Croatia and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Organization for Migration.

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for draft proposals under sub-items (b), (c), (d) and (e) was Friday, 16 November, at 6 p.m.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Tunisia, Cameroon, Togo, Iraq, Egypt, Malaysia, China, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Eritrea and Lebanon.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 26th meeting

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [164]

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Madagascar, New Zealand, Canada, Croatia, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Haiti, Cyprus, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of CARICOM), Bangladesh and Peru. The observer for Switzerland made a statement.

The Chairman also spoke.

The Committee concluded its debate on agenda item 164.

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [159]

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Malaysia (on behalf of ASEAN) and Grenada.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.13 without a vote and concluded its consideration of agenda item 159.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [163]

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.15 without a vote and concluded its consideration of agenda item 163.

Observer status for the International Development Law Institute in the General Assembly [170]

The representative of Austria introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.16.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote and concluded its consideration of agenda item 170.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2001

485th meeting

The Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Bertrand Ramcharan, made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda (CAT/C/63).

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee considered the item.

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee considered the item.

Consideration of information received under article 20 of the Convention [5]

The Committee began its consideration of the item in closed session.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the item in closed session.

TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2001

486th meeting

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee considered the item.

487th (closed) meeting

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2001

61st and 62nd meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee considered the fourth periodic report of Sweden (E/C.12/4/Add.4). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Signature: Burundi (13 November 2001)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Burundi (13 November 2001)

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: China (13 November 2001)*

Ratification: Hungary (13 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Barbados (13 November 2001)

Signature: Burundi (13 November 2001)

Signature: Cape Verde (13 November 2001)

Signature: China (13 November 2001)

Signature: Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (13 November 2001)

Signature: Samoa (13 November 2001)

Signature: Uganda (13 November 2001)

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (13 November 2001)

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (13 November 2001)

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (13 November 2001)

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Signature: Jamaica (13 November 2001)

Signature: Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (13 November 2001)

Signature: Madagascar (13 November 2001)

Signature: Nigeria (13 November 2001)

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Signature: Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (13 November 2001)

Ratification: Jamaica (13 November 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Acceptance: Netherlands (13 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "International Day of Tolerance: Families of the World – Travels into the Heart of Humankind". The briefing will be held on Thursday, 15 November 2001, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. at Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza). Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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New United Nations stamps

On Friday, 16 November 2001, the United Nations Postal Admin-istration (UNPA) will issue three new stamps on the theme "Climate Change". Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2001/85. The new stamps can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on Friday, 16 November, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 15 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.45 a.m.	4416th (closed) meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Burundi

Morning*	4417th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Burundi

4.30 p.m.	4418th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Angola

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* To be held following the adjournment of the 4416th (closed) meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

8.30 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: letter from the Permanent Representative of India (A/56/614) [8]

9 a.m. **54th PLENARY MEETING** **General Assembly Hall**

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Burkina Faso

Indonesia

Slovakia

Israel

Uzbekistan

Guyana

Nigeria

Comoros

Angola

Cameroon

Sudan

Yemen

Singapore

Kazakhstan

3 p.m. **55th PLENARY MEETING** **General Assembly Hall**

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency Mr. Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria

Panama

Lesotho

Central African Republic

Barbados

Grenada

Mozambique

Ethiopia

Trinidad and Tobago

Equatorial Guinea

Papua New Guinea

Denmark

Thailand

Saint Lucia

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

Live and archived Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly will be available on the General Assembly Web site (http://www.un.org/webcast/ga/56).

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to dpi@un.int for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 41st meeting — Conference Room 1

Rights of peoples to self-determination [118]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.31

Implementation of human rights instruments [119 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/56/L.36, L.37 and L.38

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)] (A/56/168, A/56/190, A/56/204, A/56/207 and Add.1, A/56/209, A/56/212, A/56/230, A/56/253, A/56/254 and Add.1, A/56/255, A/56/256, A/56/258, A/56/263, A/56/271, A/56/292 and Add.1, A/56/310, A/56/334, A/56/341, A/56/344, A/56/608)

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)] (A/C.3/56/4, A/C.3/56/7, A/56/210, A/56/217, A/56/220, A/56/278, A/56/281, A/56/312, A/56/327, A/56/336, A/56/337, A/56/340, A/56/409 and Add.1, A/56/440, A/56/460, A/56/479, A/56/505)

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)] (A/56/36 and Add.1, A/56/524)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)] (A/56/36 and Add.1)

Continuation of general discussion

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. — closed meeting — Conference Room 10

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. — closed meeting — Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Illicit trade in small arms
2. United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Tajikistan
3. Draft report
4. Draft letter

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 15 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals as follows:

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.8 (item 98 (g)), from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/56/L.16 (item 98 (e)), from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)), from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 15 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 15 November 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 112 (Advancement of women))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on the Ministerial Declaration)

11 a.m. - 12 noon closed meeting Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(agenda item 98 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21))

12 noon - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SIXTH AND SECOND COMMITTEES
(agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea))

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty) and 100 (International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues))

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

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The Annual Coordination Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will be held *today*, 15 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Twenty-Third Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 15 will be held *today*, 15 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a ministerial meeting of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the South-Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) *today*, 15 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials of the Group of 77 will be held *today*, 15 November 2001, f from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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The Eleventh Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries will be held *today*, 15 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 16 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

9 a.m. 56th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Haiti

   Russian Federation

   Sao Tome and Principe

2. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Republic of Moldova

   Lebanon

   Sierra Leone

   Rwanda

   Tuvalu

   Fiji

   Antigua and Barbuda

   Marshall Islands

   Seychelles

   Australia

3 p.m. 57th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Conclusion of the general debate [9]:

Latvia

Tonga

Swaziland

Eritrea

Guinea-Bissau

Kiribati

Estonia

Georgia

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 1

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Friday, 16 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B, and on Monday, 19 November, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

On Monday, 19 November, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations mentioned above, informal consultations on a draft resolution on "Emergency response to disasters" presented jointly by Greece and Turkey, under agenda item 20 (a), will also be held in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c) (Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster)

Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (c) will be held on Friday, 16 November 2001, in Conference Room B, in the afternoon, immediately after the adjournment of the informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 16 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2, and on Monday, 19 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Friday, 16 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9, and on Monday, 19 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its eighteenth meeting on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 3 p.m., to begin consideration of agenda item 90 (Questions relating to information).

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 90, as well as in discussions on the other remaining item, item 89 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects), are kindly urged to inscribe their names as soon as possible on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 27th meeting on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on draft decision A/C.2/56/L.6 (programme budget implications: E/2001/L.47/Rev.1) and on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.7 (item 12) and A/C.2/56/L.4 (item 100). Informal consultations will also be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.24 (item 97 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.22 (item 97 (c)) and A/C.2/56/L.23 (item 97 (d)).

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The 260th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Special event

The United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force will be launched by the Secretary-General on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council will be present. This event will be webcasted live on www.unicttaskforce.org and www.un.org/webcast/ict/.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Interim Task Force Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-5796).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-fifth Annual Ministerial Meeting on Friday, 16 November 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Reintegration of Refugees and Displaced Populations" co-sponsored by the International Labour Office (ILO), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Opening remarks will be given by Ms. Misako Kaji, Head, a.i., Secretariat and Inter-Organizational Service, UNHCR. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Leily Soleimani (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 114).

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Panel discussion

The Group on Equal Rights for Women at the United Nations (GERWUN) will hold a panel discussion on "Women in Afghanistan: Beyond the Media Portrayal to Action" on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Ms. Angela King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, will give the opening remarks. Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 14 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4415th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2001/1075) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/1075) received 15 votes in favour, none against with no abstention, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1378 (2001).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

52nd plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Tommy Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau

H.E. Mr. Tommy Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mrs. Maria Eugenia Brizuela de Ávila, Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador; H.E. The Honourable Mr. Ram Sharan Mahat, Minister of Finance of Nepal; H.E. Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H.E. The Honourable Louis Straker, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; H.E. Mr. Rodolphe Adada, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Francophonie of the Congo; H.E. Mr. Mahamat Saleh Annadif, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chad; H.E. Mr. Naji Sabri, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq; H.E. Mr. Farouk Al-Shara', Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic; H.E. Mr. Vilayat Mukhtar ogly Guliyev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan; H.E. Mr. Tuliameni Kalomoh, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Information and Broadcasting of Namibia; H.E. Mr. Gediminas Šerkšnys, Chairman of the Delegation of Lithuania; Mr. Alfred Carlot, Chairman of the Delegation of Vanuatu; and H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Chairman of the Delegation of Egypt.

53rd plenary meeting

H.E. The Honourable Manasseh Sogavare, MP, Prime Minister of Solomon Islands, addressed the General Assembly.

H.E. Mr. Osmonakun Ibraimov, Secretary of State of the Kyrgyz Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Mompati Merafhe, M.P., Minister for Foreign Affairs of Botswana; H.E. Mr. Vartan Oskanian, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia; H.E. Mr. Koffi Panou, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Togo; H.E. Mr. Gabriele Gatti, Secretary of State for Foreign and Political Affairs of San Marino; H.E. Mr. Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar; H.E. Mr. Kolawole Idji, Minister for Foreign Affairs and African Integration of Benin; H.E. The Honourable Timothy Harris, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Education of Saint Kitts and Nevis; H.E. Mr. Monie Captan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liberia; H.E. The Honourable Lilian Patel, M.P., Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Malawi; H.E. Lyonpo Jigmi Yoser Thinley, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bhutan; H.E. Mr. Ravan Farhâdi, Chairman of the Delegation of Afghanistan; and H.E. Mr. Ahmed Abdi Hashi, Chairman of the Delegation of Somalia.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Turkey, Armenia and Cyprus.

The representative of Armenia made a statement on a point of order.

The Acting President made a statement.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE — 40th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)]

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

Statements were made by representatives of Cuba, Egypt, the United States, Morocco, China, Japan, Eritrea, Venezuela, Mali, Thailand, Greece and Indonesia.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Kenya and Pakistan.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 30th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/214, p. 13): under *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.30,* the first paragraph should read as follows:

The representative of Denmark introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as *Austria*, Greece and Italy, and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Corrigendum to the summary of the 34th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/217, p. 15): under agenda sub-items 119 (b), (c), (d) and (e), *Ethiopia* should be added to the list of representatives who took part in the dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2001

488th meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee began its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Ukraine (CAT/C/55/Add.1). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

489th (closed) meeting

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2001

63rd and 64th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee considered the fourth periodic report of Colombia (E/C.12/4/Add.6). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Ratification: Belize (14 November 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Israel (14 November 2001)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Israel (14 November 2001)

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Accession: Belize (14 November 2001)*

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Belize (14 November 2001)*

Accession: Palau (14 November 2001)*

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Belize (14 November 2001)*

Accession: Palau (14 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Chile (10 November 2001)*

Accession: Belize (14 November 2001)*

Accession: Palau (14 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Chile (10 November 2001)*

Signature: Bahrain (14 November 2001)

Signature: Belize (14 November 2001)

Signature: Bhutan (14 November 2001)

Signature: Congo (14 November 2001)

Signature: Guinea-Bissau (14 November 2001)

Accession: Palau (14 November 2001)*

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Israel (14 November 2001)

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Signature: Italy (14 November 2001)

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Signature: Belize (14 November 2001)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "International Day of Tolerance: Families of the World – Travels into the Heart of Humankind". The briefing will be held *today*, 15 November 2001, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. at Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza). Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 15 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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New United Nations stamps

On Friday, 16 November 2001, the United Nations Postal Admin-istration (UNPA) will issue three new stamps on the theme "Climate Change". Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2001/85. The new stamps can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on Friday, 16 November, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 16 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Eritrea/Ethiopia

Other matters

11 a.m.	4420th (closed) meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

12 noon	4421st (closed) meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Announcement

The Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations will hold a closed meeting on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Announcement

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 11 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the children and armed conflict. Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel.: (212) 963-5263).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

9 a.m. 56th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Haiti

   Russian Federation

   Sao Tome and Principe

2. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Republic of Moldova

   Lebanon

   Sierra Leone

   Rwanda

   Tuvalu

   Fiji

   Antigua and Barbuda

   Marshall Islands

   Seychelles

   Australia

3 p.m. 57th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: fourth report of the General Committee (A/56/250/Add.3) [8]

2. Conclusion of the general debate [9]:

   Latvia

   Tonga

   Swaziland

   Eritrea

   Guinea-Bissau

   Estonia

   Georgia

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

Live and archived Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly will be available on the General Assembly Web site (http://www.un.org/webcast/ga/56).

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to dpi@un.int for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 1

Right of peoples to self-determination [118]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.32

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)] (A/56/168, A/56/190, A/56/204, A/56/207 and Add.1, A/56/209, A/56/212, A/56/230, A/56/253, A/56/254 and Add.1, A/56/255, A/56/256, A/56/258, A/56/263, A/56/271, A/56/292 and Add.1, A/56/310, A/56/334, A/56/341, A/56/344, A/56/608)

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)] (A/C.3/56/4, A/C.3/56/7, A/56/210, A/56/217, A/56/220, A/56/278, A/56/281, A/56/312, A/56/327, A/56/336, A/56/337, A/56/340, A/56/409 and Add.1, A/56/440, A/56/460, A/56/479, A/56/505)

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)] (A/56/36 and Add.1, A/56/524)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)] (A/56/36 and Add.1)

Conclusion of general discussion

Statement by the Chairman on the organization of work of the Committee

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Executive session on the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) *today*, 16 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c) (Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster)

Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (c) will be held *today*, 16 November 2001, in Conference Room B, in the afternoon, immediately after the adjournment of the informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 16 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 16 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 16 November 2001, there will be a meeting of interested delegations on the following draft proposal:

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.9 (item 98 (d)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

No meetings of the Sixth Committee are scheduled for *today*, 16 November 2001.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 16 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 16 November 2001

GROUP OF 77
(on the Ministerial Declaration)

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))

4.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-fifth Annual Ministerial Meeting *today*, 16 November 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Informal meeting

A meeting of humanitarian experts of the core group of the Group of 77 and of Mexico, organized by the delegation of India, will be held *today*, 16 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C, to discuss the draft of resolution on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters. Other interested members of the Group of 77 are also invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 19 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	58th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	59th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [29]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/326)

(b) Letter from the Secretary-General (A/56/422)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

On Monday, 19 November 2001, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations mentioned above, informal consultations on a draft resolution on "Emergency response to disasters" presented jointly by Greece and Turkey, under agenda item 20 (a), will also be held in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. *in Conference Room D*.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. *in Conference Room D*.

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its eighteenth meeting on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 3 p.m., to begin consideration of agenda item 90 (Questions relating to information).

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 90, as well as in discussions on the other remaining item, item 89 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects), are kindly urged to inscribe their names as soon as possible on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 27th meeting on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on draft decision A/C.2/56/L.6 (programme budget implications: E/2001/L.47/Rev.1) and on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.7 (item 12) and A/C.2/56/L.4 (item 100). Informal consultations will also be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.24 (item 97 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.22 (item 97 (c)) and A/C.2/56/L.23 (item 97 (d)).

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The 260th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Special event

The United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force will be launched by the Secretary-General on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council will be present. This event will be webcasted live on www.unicttaskforce.org and www.un.org/webcast/ict/.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Interim Task Force Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-5796).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Reintegration of Refugees and Displaced Populations" co-sponsored by the International Labour Office (ILO), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Ms. Misako Kaji, Head, a.i., Secretariat and Inter-Organizational Service, UNHCR, H.E. Mr. Ibrahim M'Baba Kamara, Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, and Mr. Robbie Thomson, Senior Officer, Population Movement and Disaster Preparedness and Response Department, IFRC, will be among the panellists. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Jayasankar Krishnamurty, Senior Economist, Infocus Programme on Crisis Response and Reconstruction, ILO. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Leily Soleimani (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 114).

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Briefing

Mrs. Anna K. Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), will hold a briefing on the report of the Secretary-General on options for reviewing and strengthening the mandate and status of the Commission on Human Settlements and the status, role and function of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

The Group on Equal Rights for Women at the United Nations (GERWUN) will hold a panel discussion on "Women in Afghanistan: Beyond the Media Portrayal to Action" on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Ms. Angela King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, will give the opening remarks. Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing will be held on the following dates : Monday, 26 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 27 November from, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 28 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 29 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2002. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 21 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org or http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 15 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4416th (private) meeting

The situation in Burundi

The Security Council met in private. The following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4416th meeting, held in private on 15 November 2001, the Security Council considered the situation in Burundi.

"The Security Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by His Excellency Mr. Nelson Mandela, Facilitator of the Arusha Peace Process.

"The Council had a useful exchange of views with His Excellency Mr. Mandela on the Burundi peace process and issues relating to the implementation of the peace agreement.

"The members of the Council thanked His Excellency Mr. Mandela for coming to New York to brief the Council and commended his efforts on behalf of peace in Burundi."

4117th meeting

The situation in Burundi

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Burundi, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/35).

4418th meeting

The situation in Angola

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Angola, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Cape Verde, Malawi, Namibia and Zimbabwe, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedures.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Africa.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Africa.

A statement was made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Angola, His Excellency Mr. João Bernardo de Miranda.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Ireland, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

The Council was addressed by His Excellency Mr. Charles Josselin, Minister Delegate for Cooperation and Francophonie of France.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Mauritius, Bangladesh, Mali, Colombia, China, Tunisia, Norway and Singapore and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of Jamaica.

The Council was addressed by Her Excellency The Honourable Lilian E. Patel, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Malawi; His Excellency Mr. Manuel Inocêncio Sousa, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities of Cape Verde; and by His Excellency The Honourable Taliameni Kalomoh, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Information and Broadcasting of Namibia.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and Iceland, EFTA country member of the EEA, which aligned themselves with the statement), Canada and Zimbabwe.

Mr. Gambari responded to comments by members of the Council.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Angola made a further statement.

4419th meeting

The situation in Angola

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/36).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: Letter from India (A/56/614) [8]

The Chairman recalled that the General Assembly, at its 3rd plenary meeting on 19 September 2001, had decided to consider agenda item 21 and its sub-items (a) to (m) direct in plenary meeting.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that sub-item (f) of agenda item 21 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union) should also be allocated to the Sixth Committee, for the sole purpose of considering the question of the granting of observer status to the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the General Assembly.

54th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Youssouf Ouédraogo, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso; H.E. Mr. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Eduard Kukan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia; H.E. Mr. Shimon Peres, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel; H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz Kamilov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan; H.E. Mr. Samuel R. Insanally, M.P., Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guyana and former President of the General Assembly; H.E. Mr. Alhaji Sule Lamido, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria; H.E. Mr. Souef Mohamed El-Amine, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Comoros; H.E. Mr. João Bernardo de Miranda, Minister for External Relations of Angola; H.E. Mr. Mustafa Osman Ismail, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Sudan; H.E. Mr. Abdullah Alsaidi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yemen; H.E. Mr. Martin Belinga-Eboutou, Chairman of the Delegation of Cameroon; H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahbubani, Chairman of the Delegation of Singapore; and H.E. Ms. Madina B. Jarbussynova, Chairperson of the Delegation of Kazakhstan.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that on Friday, 16 November 2001, at 9 a.m., the General Assembly would consider, as the first item, the fourth report of the General Committee (A/56/250/Add.3).

55th plenary meeting

H.E. Mr. Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. José Miguel Aleman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Panama; H.E. The Honourable Motsoahae Thomas Thabane, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lesotho; H.E. Mr. Agba Otikpo Mezode, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Central African Republic; H.E. The Honourable Billie Miller, MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados; H.E. The Honourable Elvin Nimrod, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Grenada; H.E. Dr. Leonardo Santos Simão, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique; H.E. Mr. Seyoum Mesfin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia; H.E. The Honourable Mervyn Assam, Minister for Enterprise Development and Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago; H.E. Mr. Jose Ela Ebang, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Equatorial Guinea; H.E. Mr. Peter D. Donigi, Chairman of the Delegation of Papua New Guinea; H.E. Ms. Ellen Margrethe Løj, Chairperson of Delegation of Denmark; H.E. Mr. Pracha Guna-Kasem, Chairman of the Delegation of Thailand; and H.E. Mr. Earl S. Huntley, Chairman of the Delegation of Saint Lucia.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Eritrea, Armenia and Indonesia.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 41st meeting

Right of peoples to self determination [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.31

The representative of Cuba introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as El Salvador, Nicaragua and Swaziland, the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [119 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.36

The representative of Sweden introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Costa Rica, Ireland and Italy, the draft resolution.

Croatia, Cyprus, Ecuador, Greece, Luxembourg and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.37

The representative of Mexico introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and Burkina Faso, the draft resolution.

Ethiopia and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.38

The representative of Cuba, introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, the draft resolution.

Cambodia, Croatia and Indonesia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)]

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, Liechtenstein, Australia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States, India, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Turkey, Belarus and Angola.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Iraq, China, Greece, Cyprus and Turkey.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2001

490th meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Benin (CAT/C/21/Add.3). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee considered the item.

491st meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee continued its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Ukraine (CAT/C/55/Add.1).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2001

65th and 66th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee considered the second periodic report of Algeria (E/1990/6/Add.26). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (13 November 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Monaco (13 November 2001)*

Signature: Chile (15 November 2001)

Signature: Togo (15 November 2001)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Togo (15 November 2001)

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

Signature: Chile (15 November 2001)

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Signature: Togo (15 November 2001)

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Cuba (15 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Cuba (15 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Armenia (15 November 2001)

Signature: Djibouti (15 November 2001)

Signature: Dominican Republic (15 November 2001)

Signature: Seychelles (15 November 2001)

Signature: Togo (15 November 2001)

Ratification: Cuba (15 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Armenia (15 November 2001)

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Armenia (15 November 2001)

Signature: Slovakia (15 November 2001)

Signature: Slovenia (15 November 2001)

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